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Via Hand Delivery

Thomas S. Burack, Chairman Site Evaluation Committee N.H. Department of Environmental Services 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03302-0095

Re: Docket 2008- Application of Granite Reliable Power, LLC for Certificate of Site and Facility for a Renewable Energy Facility in Coos County

Dear Chairman Burack:

Enclosed for filing with the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee in the above-captioned matter please find an original and 19 copies of the Application of Granite Reliable Power, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility for a renewable energy facility in the unincorporated areas of Millsfield, Ervings Location, Dixville and Odell, and the Town of Dummer, in Coos County. The Application and Appendices include five three-ring binders, marked as Volumes 1-5, 2 separate sets of labeled plans, and a CD with each set. This Application is being filed in accordance with Admin. Rule Site 301.01. The Applicant respectfully requests a waiver of Admin. Rule Site 301.02 (a) which requires plans to be folded to 8 ½ x 11 inch sheets. While the Application contains some large sheets that have been folded to the required 8 ½ x 11 inch size, the Applicant's consultants who prepared the plans which are rolled instead of folded have indicated that their plans could not be folded because of their size. Because compliance with the above-referenced rule would be onerous, the Committee may properly find that a waiver is in the public interest and that it will not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of the matters before the Committee. See Admin. Rule Site 302.04 (a) and (b).

This Application is for a proposed wind-powered electric generating facility with a capacity of 99MW. As such, this Project constitutes a renewable energy facility within the meaning of RSA 162-H:2,XII and is therefore subject to the review process and time frames established in RSA 162-H:6-a and Admin.

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Rule Site 301.05. The Project also qualifies for review by a subcommittee appointed by the Committee Chairman pursuant to RSA 162-H:4,V(b) and Admin. Rule Site 103.03.

In accordance with RSA 162-H:6-a, the Application includes prefiled testimony, exhibits and sufficient information to satisfy the application requirements of each state agency having jurisdiction, under state or federal law, to regulate the construction or operation of the proposed facility, and each agency's completed application forms. In preparing this Application, we have followed the format and content requirements of Admin. Rule Site 301.02 and 301.03.

A Motion for Protective Order and Confidential Treatment which seeks protective treatment for certain materials associated with the Application is being filed under separate cover. Also enclosed is the Appearance of Douglas L. Patch and Susan S. Geiger of Orr & Reno, P.A. on behalf of Noble Environmental Power, LLC and Granite Reliable Power, LLC.

The Applicant is prepared to assist the subcommittee and state agency staff in any way that it can to provide for as expeditious a review of this Application as possible. RSA 162-H:6-a provides that within 30 days of this filing, the Committee Chairperson or designee must make a determination as to whether the Application is complete and whether to accept it. Assuming that the Application is determined to be complete and is accepted we would respectfully ask that a prehearing conference be held as soon as possible thereafter so that a procedural schedule can be established for the duration of the adjudicative proceeding.

The Applicant is prepared to work with the subcommittee to schedule and make arrangements for the public comment hearing required under RSA 162-H:6-a, IV in Coos County, for which 30 days notice is required. The Applicant will work with the subcommittee to schedule this public hearing as soon as possible within the time frames allowed by the statute, so that the subcommittee can hear from members of the public in Coos County. The Applicant also respectfully requests, pursuant to Admin. Rule Site 202.13, that the subcommittee and public counsel visit the site of the proposed facility and suggests that such site visit occur on the same day as the public hearing in Coos County. In addition to assisting with arrangements for and scheduling of the public hearing, the Applicant will work with the subcommittee to make arrangements for the site visit and is hoping that this could occur in late September or early October, while the weather is likely to be suitable for such a visit.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

/erx truly yours,

Douglas L. Patch

Enclosures

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cc: Attorney General Kelly A. Ayotte
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